



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/819,701	03/29/2001	Naoya Fujisaki	826.1722	3142

21171 7590 02/25/2004

STAAS & HALSEY LLP
SUITE 700
1201 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

EXAMINER

LEROUX, ETIENNE PIERRE

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

2171

DATE MAILED: 02/25/2004

9

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

policy attribute data

8

Advisory Action

Application No.

09/819,701

Applicant(s)

FUJISAKI, NAOYA

Examiner

Etienne P LeRoux

Art Unit

2171

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 10 February 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
(a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
(c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attached.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

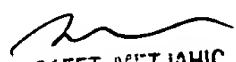
Claim(s) allowed: _____

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: 1-17.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____


SAFET METJAHIC
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2100

Art Unit: 2171

Considering claim 1 limitation “**attribute data indicating a policy on which file management is based** in correspondence with path information of a directory.” The above highlighted language corresponds to the below highlighted language.

Bruffey discloses in column 3, lines 10-24 the following:

FIG. 2 illustrates the architecture of the Hierarchical Filing System (HFS) of the present invention. This particular HFS 16 includes a root directory 17 and files 21-24. The HFS 16 also includes directories 18-20. Each directory is capable of containing files, as well as other directories such as directory 18 containing directory 20. Each directory is a branching node, allowing for none or a plurality of sub-branching nodes. Each directory contains information which permits the branching to occur. The actual data is stored in the files 21-24. Because each file is a termination node, it does not need to maintain further branching information. Instead, each file stores the actual data. Therefore, the directories 17-20 maintain branching information, while files 21-24 contain the stored data.

Considering claim 1 limitation “**attribute data indicating a policy on which file management is based in correspondence with path information of a directory.**” The above highlighted language corresponds to the below highlighted language.

Bruffey discloses in column 3, lines 10-54 the following:

attribute data indicating a policy on which file management is based in correspondence with path information of a directory

Bruffey discloses in column 3, lines 10-24 the following:

FIG. 2 illustrates the architecture of the Hierarchical Filing System (HFS) of the present invention. This particular HFS 16 includes a root directory 17 and files 21-24. The HFS 16 also includes directories 18-20. Each directory is capable of containing files, as well as other directories such as directory 18 containing directory 20. Each directory is a branching node, allowing for none or a plurality of sub-branching nodes. Each directory contains information which permits the branching to occur. The actual data is stored in the files 21-24. Because each file is a termination node, it does not need to maintain further branching information. Instead, each file stores the actual data. Therefore, the directories 17-20 maintain branching information, while files 21-24 contain the stored data.